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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A lighted ring toy with consumable portion comprising:

a housing containing a power source and an electrical circuit, the housing having an upwardly extending portion for supporting a consumable portion, the upwardly extending portion comprising a wall and a closed upper end, the consumable portion being supported on an outer surface of the upwardly extending portion;

a finger-grasping portion extending from the housing for engagement with the finger of a user; and

an illuminating element connectable to the electrical circuit and the power source to illuminate the consumable portion;

wherein the illuminating element is disposed within the upwardly extending portion of the housing, and

wherein the upwardly extending portion of the housing is capable of transmitting at least a portion of the light from the illuminating element to the consumable portion through at least one of the wall and the closed upper end.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein:

the electrical circuit has at least one electrical contact for completing the electrical circuit in a contacting position thereof; and

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the ring toy further comprises a removable insulator disposed adjacent the electrical contact in a non-contacting position to interrupt the electrical circuit.

4. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein said at least one electrical contact comprises a resilient electrical conductor mechanically biased relative to the power source to complete the electrical circuit in said contacting position thereof.

5. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein:

the power of source includes at least one button battery;

said at least one electrical contact abuts a terminal of the button battery; and

a ring of insulating material is disposed between the electrical contact and the battery terminal to prevent shorting of the battery.

6. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the power source is configured to illuminate the consumable portion for a preselected period of time sufficient to consume it, and thereafter to expire.

7. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the removable insulator is made of coated paper.

8. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 3 wherein the removable insulator comprises a synthetic polymeric material.

9. (Currently amended) The lighted ring toy of claim 7 wherein the removable insulator comprises ~~Mylar~~ polyethylene terephthalate.

10. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein a circuit board is integrated into the electrical circuit to cause the illuminating element to flash.

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11. (Currently amended) The lighted ring toy of claim 9 10 wherein the circuit board includes at least one integrated circuit configured as a flasher.

12. (Previously presented) The lighted ring toy of claim 1 wherein the illuminating element is an LED of the flashing type.